



TO: System Test Coordinators  
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RE: MontCAS Updates  
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## SMARTER

- Some schools and staff have not received important emails from AIR, the contractor that manages the technology for the 2016 Smarter. Either on your servers or individual computers, please add AIR as a safe sender: AIR.org
- Student Registration Data in AIM
  - Reminder--continuous student registration updates
    - System updates to AIM by 5pm on Fridays and Wednesdays
    - AIM sends updates to TIDE 3pm on Mondays and Thursdays
    - Updates will be reflected in TIDE on the next business day.
  - **NOTE: Data should be entered into the AIM system through the normal process. That data will be transferred to the state level as normal. There may be a delay due to synching time. Data for the Monday update will be based on the AIM system status as of Friday; data for the Thursday update will be based on the AIM system status as of Wednesday.**
- Smarter 2016 Technical Specifications are posted on the MontCAS website under Smarter/Technology. Here's a direct link to the document:  
<http://www.opi.mt.gov/pdf/Assessment/SMART/16SmarterTechSpecifications.pdf>
- Parent Letter and Flyer
  - The parent letter with a link to the flyer is optional. Many schools requested one; however, some schools have already developed theirs.

## MSAA

- MSAA Student Registration Data Updates-- continuous student registration updates
  - System updates to AIM by 5pm on Fridays
  - AIM sends updates to MSAA 3pm on Mondays
- OPI MSAA Lead: Yvonne Field, 406-444-0748, yfield@mt.gov

## CRT

- The Test Security Agreements link is now available
  - <http://iservices.measuredprogress.org/>
  - Scroll to Montana and click Enter
  - Choose



## ACT

- Non-secure shipment scheduled for arrival the week of March 14.
- Pre-test Sessions
  - OPI and ACT are finalizing instructions regarding what questions students are required to answer and which they should not answer.
  - That document will be sent to System Test Coordinators and ACT School Coordinators.
  - Please wait until you have received and read these instructions before your pre-test sessions.
- E-grants
  - The letter with the application was sent by email to all superintendents, System Test Coordinators, and ACT School Coordinators. It is also posted online [http://www.opi.mt.gov/pdf/Assessment/ACT/16ACT\\_EGrantApp.pdf](http://www.opi.mt.gov/pdf/Assessment/ACT/16ACT_EGrantApp.pdf)
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